

WHITE COUNTY BOARD MEETING
March 13, 2007
7:00 P.M.

A special meeting of the White County Board begun and holden this 13th day of March, 2007 in the Courtroom of the White County Courthouse in the City of Carmi.

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk Dozier called the roll with Nelson, Ray, Mitchell, Wooten present and Trout recorded as absent. Chairman Wooten explained that Mr. Trout was unable to attend because he was out of town on business.

Chairman Wooten asked the board if they had received copies of the minutes of the previous meetings and were there any additions, changes or deletions. Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings and approve the minutes of the previous meetings as proposed in writing. Ray seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0 with Trout recorded as absent.

Chairman Wooten asked for a motion to pay all current bills. Mr. Ray made a motion to pay all current bills, seconded by Nelson. Motion passed 4-0 with Trout recorded as absent.

Chairman Wooten asked the Highway Department if they had anything to report. Mr. David Bachman, Foreman of the Highway Department stated that they were staying busy repairing roads in Phillips and Indian Creek Townships. Chairman Wooten introduced the new County Engineer, Mr. Brian Ray.

Mr. Lance Trousdale, Director of the White County Ambulance Service, stated that the ambulance service had another good month. The service turned in \$26,286.21 in revenues and their net income over expenditures for the month was \$4,981.00. Mr. Trousdale stated that they were still collecting from Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance companies on a monthly basis. He stated that he had a new intermediate and a paramedic to join the service and that the service was now running two full crews Monday through Friday. Mr. Trousdale stated that he had some training sessions that he would be offering. Mr. Trousdale introduced Ms. Mary Mercer and stated that she would be conducting the training sessions. Mr. Trousdale said the training would be open to any all individuals and some of the Board members or county employees may wish to attend the training.

Chairman Wooten asked Sheriff Maier for his report. The Sheriff stated that he just finished with a jail committee meeting and he had submitted his report to the Board in writing.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next 9-1-1 meeting would be held on Monday, March 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom.

Chairman Wooten introduced Mr. Martin Ray Barbre, a member of the White County Farm Bureau. Mr. Barbre stated that he would like to thank Mr. Bachman and the crew of the Highway Department for attending to the shoulders of the Centerville Blacktop. He stated that the winter weather had created shoulder problems there and on the Bel-Air Road.

Chairman Wooten asked if there were any visitors wishing to address the Board. Ms. Sherry Weiland stated that she would like permission to address the Board about some major concerns that she has with the Coroner's Office. Ms. Weiland explained to the Board that her father had passed away recently and Mr. McVey had refused to turn over the personal property to her. He stated that the reason he refused was because she had a brother and they needed to be together when he released the personal items. Ms. Weiland stated that her brother was in Iraq and she was trying to make funeral arrangements for her father and was simply needing the keys to his home to be able to get a suit for his funeral. Ms. Weiland stated that once her brother arrived home Mr. McVey released Mr. Weiland's personal belongings to her brother and she was not in attendance at that meeting. Ms. Weiland also alluded to the Illinois Statutes stating that his personal affects could be released to the next of kin. Ms. Weiland complained about Mr. McVey making derogatory statements about her visits to the Coroner's Office to other individuals. Ms. Weiland stated that her father's body was left unattended by the Coroner which may have compromised the investigation and his personal affects. Ms. Weiland explained that she was not complaining about Father Rudolphi being with her father. Ms. Weiland stated that she was told by the Coroner on several occasions that certain things were confidential and he could not tell her. Ms. Weiland wants to know what is and what is not considered confidential in the Coroner's office. Chairman Wooten stated that the only control the County Board has over an elected

official is budgetary. Mr. Wooten stated that Ms. Weiland needed to speak with the State's Attorney if she thought there was any criminal action by the Coroner. Ms. Weiland stated that she had spoken with the State's Attorney and he stated that he would have to represent Mr. McVey. Scott Webb, State's Attorney, told Ms. Weiland that his office would handle anything criminal but if there was any civil action she wished to take he would be representing the County and Mr. McVey. Ms. Weiland thanked the Board and stated that she would be contacting the State's Attorney for an appointment.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider contributions to the Senior Citizens. Chairman Wooten explained in past years the Board has donated \$5,000.00 to the Carmi-White County Center, \$1,000.00 to Grayville, \$1,000.00 to Enfield, and \$1,000.00 to Norris City Senior Citizens. Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to contribute to the Senior Citizens in the amounts donated in the past years. Motion seconded by Nelson. Motion carried 4-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Jim Williams and Dave Zahller introduced themselves to the Board and presented a deferred compensation plan to the members. Mr. Zahller gave his employment history with Nationwide Retirement Solutions and his current employment with Security Benefit. The Board stated that they only had two employees out of 84 full and part-time employees utilizing the deferred comp plan and they would add Mr. Williams and Mr. Zahller to the April agenda.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider the appointment of Ray Livesay to a 3-year term on the Little Wabash Fire Protection District. Mr. Ray made a motion to appoint Ray Livesay to a 3-year term on the Little Wabash Fire Protection District, seconded by Mitchell. Motion passed 4-0 on roll call vote with Trout recorded as absent.

Chairman Wooten stated that the next meeting would be held on April 10, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom.

Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ray. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.